

The Alexandria Gazette

TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 5.

The Office of the ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE has been removed to the GAZETTE BUILDING, on Prince, near Fairfax street, the old place of publication, where subscriptions and advertisements will be received.

CONGRESS.—The Republicans have commenced, at once, and in earnest. As was known, the Clerk of the House placed on the roll only the members from those states which have never seceded, including amongst the excluded members, those from the State of Tennessee. By a vote of 132 to 36, the resolutions of the Republican Caucus, (published yesterday) were passed. Mr. Maynard was not allowed to show his credentials as a member from Tennessee. Mr. Kelley gave notice of a bill to strike the word "white" from all laws in the District of Columbia relative to the qualification of voters; and Mr. Orth gave notice of an intended amendment to the Constitution so as to apportion representatives according to the number of legal voters in each district. In the Senate, Mr. Sumner has introduced various bills, prescribing new oaths, &c., &c., and Mr. Wade has brought forward a measure to regulate the franchise in the District of Columbia. Altogether the ultras seem to have come together determined to push on extreme measures.

VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, December 4.—The Legislature of Virginia assembled to-day. In the absence of the Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Robinson, of Norfolk, presided over the Senate.

Shelton Davis, who has been secretary for the last eight years, was re-elected. Wirt Harrison was elected Sergeant-at-arms.

The House organized by the election of John B. Baldwin, Speaker, and John Bell Bigger, Clerk. Baldwin was a strong Unionist before the war. He represented the Augusta District in the Confederate Congress. Mr. Bigger was an assistant clerk for several years. R. W. Burke was re-elected sergeant-at-arms.

After the organization of the Legislature, the Governor's message was received and read.—The Governor first calls attention to the public debt, showing an aggregate of \$41,000,000 against \$22,000,000 available assets.

The State has several millions in unproductive internal improvements. The interest due on the first of January exceeds six millions.—The question of taxation is considered at some length. The Governor says a levy of sixty per cent. on real estate will be required, and recommends a tax on the license for taking oysters in the waters of Virginia.

He suggests the sale of the State investments in railroad bonds, which would relieve the State of fifteen millions of debt and promote the efficiency of the railroads. The educational interests of Virginia are especially commended to the attention of the Legislature, and the establishment of a polytechnic school urged. The Governor recommends the passage of a law holding fiduciaries responsible for the investments in Confederate States bonds.

He thinks, after mature deliberation, that very little legislation is needed in regard to the freedmen; but they should be allowed to testify as witnesses, and should be tried and punished the same as white men.

He advises that the three millions of dollars now invested in the Covington and Ohio railroad be given as a bounty to any company that will complete the road.

The repeal of the usury laws is recommended. The Governor devotes the concluding part of his message to reconstruction, and says it is of the utmost importance that the people of Virginia should give a cheerful support to the Federal Government in the payment of all the taxes assessed for paying the national debts.

An order from the President having been received for the release of J. A. Seddon, late War Secretary for the late Confederate States, and G. Magrath, ex-Governor of S. C., the Provost Marshal of Savannah, Capt. Remick, received instructions on Saturday last "on headquarters to proceed forthwith to Fort Pulaski, where both prisoners were detained, and set them at liberty. Capt. Remick, together with a few officers, arrived at Fort Pulaski, and at once proceeded to the cells of the prisoners. Having announced to them their release on condition of their taking the amnesty oath, the news was received by both prisoners with joy, and the oath freely taken, and they immediately left for Savannah.

It is understood that immediately after the adjournment of the Senate yesterday, the Republican Senators met in caucus, and that a committee was chosen, of which Senator Foot was chairman, to re-arrange the committees of the Senate. It was the expressed opinion of several Senators that Mr. Fessenden will return to his old position as chairman of the Committee on Finance, and that Mr. Sherman will again be chairman of the Committee on Agriculture.

A protest against the legality of the election of Mr. Stockton, one of the Senators from N. Jersey, has been presented to the Senate.

The National Intelligencer of this morning says:—"To-day the Message will be read, and then many of the Congressmen will begin to leave for their respective homes to eat the festive turkeys and other Thanksgiving cheer. Nor will it be long after their return before Christmas will call them to their homes again. Meanwhile large deficiency bills, including the items of the Omnibus Bill killed at the close of the last session, await action."

At the close of the recent session of the Virginia Conference, M. E. Church, the preachers belonging to the conference were counted, and the secretary announced one hundred and eighty-seven members. The Bishop thereupon decided the conference entitled to eleven delegates to the general conference. The conference then went into the election of delegates, and the following were declared duly elected, one hundred and twenty-four votes being cast: L. M. Lee, D. S. Doggett, Wm. A. Smith, James A. Duncan, William W. Bennett, Nelson Head, John E. Edwards, George W. Langhorne, John C. Granberry, Peter A. Peterson, and Leonidas Rosser. Reserves—Paul Whitehead, Lemuel S. Reed, Joseph H. Davis.

A young man, aged about twenty-four years, named John Surraes, was arrested in Baltimore last week, on the charge of having broken open letters placed in charge of letter-carriers of the Baltimore Post Office, and abstracting the money contained therein. The accused has been acting for six months or more as a substitute letter-carrier in place of his brother-in-law. He acknowledges that he has broken open some letters. The officers found in his trunk about \$1,600, or \$1,800 in notes and \$300 in gold.

It is generally understood in Washington that the adoption by each of the late Confederate States of a clause in their respective State Constitutions, recognizing universal suffrage, will be insisted upon by the present Congress, as a sine qua non to the admission of their Representatives.

The Supreme Court of the U. S. assembled in Washington, yesterday, the Chief Justice and all the Associate Justices being present. After the adjournment they paid their respects to the President.

The Charleston Courier has an account of the arrest and escape of an impostor named Dircks, who has been advertising extensively for all claims against the United States Government for cotton and property destroyed by the U. S. forces.

It is positively asserted in Richmond that General Butler will take command of the Department of Virginia on the 8th of January next. We do not know what truth there may be in this.

The board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, New York, has decided to open four schools for the education of colored ministers at the South; one at Richmond; or Washington, under J. G. Binney, D. D.; at Savannah, under H. J. Ripley, D. D.; at New Orleans, under J. Chaplin, D. D.; a fourth in the Southwest quarter of the field, for which the arrangements are not yet perfected.

One-third of the employees at the Gosport (Va.) navy-yard were discharged last week.

A further reduction of the employees at the Washington navy yard took place yesterday, near one hundred being dropped from the boiler pattern and foundry departments.

General Curtis has returned to Lynchburg, after an absence of several weeks, and will resume command of that district. The Virginian says that the General's administration in Lynchburg has made him popular.

Col. George H. Hart, who has been acting for the past few months as private secretary to Governor Fairpoint, has resigned that position and returned to the North.

A dispatch from Washington says:—"The Virginia representatives and senators elect are here, but have determined, in consequence of the republican unanimity on the subject of their admission, not to obtrude themselves upon the attention of Congress."

The Suez Canal is still prosecuted with perseverance. Serious obstacles to be surmounted before the canal can realize what is expected of it are mentioned, and altogether its success regarded as very doubtful.

The Burnet House, in Cincinnati, was recently sold by A. B. Coleman, formerly of the Astor House, to S. N. Pike, a wealthy manufacturer of liquors, for \$500,000. This is said to have been the largest real-estate transaction ever taking place in that city.

The Rochester papers announce another "rapping excitement" in that city. Singular manifestations of the spirits are recorded.

General R. C. Buchanan, colonel 1st United States infantry, has been detailed as a member of the commission instituted by the War Department, to investigate and report the facts in relation to the enlistment of certain Germans into the United States service as substitutes or otherwise, in the State of Massachusetts, in the year 1854, brought from Prussia under alleged contract with Julian Allen and M. D. Ross, of Boston.

The Baltimore Gazette says:—"Two General Orders were issued yesterday by the Major General commanding this department. Order No. 34 directs that the Provost Marshal's Department, except in the city of Baltimore, be discontinued. Order No. 35 reminds the officers and men of the army that the President has designated December the 7th as a day of national thanksgiving, and enjoins them to testify by their demeanor that they participate in the general gratitude for the deliverance of the Nation.

Judge Haliburton's (Sam Slick's) personal property amounted to only \$30,000.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 4.—Flour declined 5a25 cts. Corn declined 1 ct. Beef quiet.—Pork heavy. Whiskey dull. Cotton dull.

BALTIMORE, December 5.—Wheat—Prime Red, 250; lower grades, dull. Corn very active; sales 30,000 bushels—White, 88a91c. Flour quiet; Western extra, \$9.50a\$9.75; Howard light—superior, \$8.87a\$9. Provisions very dull, nominal. Whiskey dull, \$2.24.

GEORGETOWN, December 4.—The market opened this morning with a demand principally for supplies for the local trade, the inquiry being for high grades. The price list is about the same as at the close of last week. For Supers \$9 to \$9.25; Extras \$10 to \$10.50, according to quality and reputation of brands. Grain—Wheat, good red, 215a217; Prime 220; White, none offered; but common to good is quoted nominally at 220a230, ranging to 260, according to quality; Corn, in the ear, \$4 per bbl., New and Old Shelled, 80 to 88 cts. per bushel, according to quality.

In Georgetown, the Pork market is dull, and considerable in the market. Dealers are careful in making their purchases, and will not buy any but such as is evidently recently slaughtered. Quite a number of hogs, which had been slaughtered too long were rejected this morning. The buying price with wholesale dealers is \$12 per 100 pounds. Small lots are sold by them at 13a14 cents per pound.

VIRGINIA.—At rules held in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Prince William county, on the 4th day of December, 1865, John F. Johnson, plaintiff, vs. Basil Brawner and Melinda, his wife, Redman F. Brawner, Stephen E. Meade, John H. Sullivan, and the heirs of William Brawner, whose names are unknown, defendants—in chancery. The object of this suit is to obtain a deed for a certain tract of land in the county of Prince William, near Manassas Junction, containing about one hundred-and-two acres, purchased by the plaintiff of the defendant, Redman F. Brawner, attorney in fact for the defendant, John H. Sullivan. The defendants, Stephen E. Meade, John H. Sullivan, and the heirs of William Brawner, whose names are unknown, not having entered their appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that they are not residents of this State, it is ordered that the said defendants appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this county. A copy teste. M. B. SINCLAIR, Clerk. A. NICOL, P. Q. de 5—law4w

VIRGINIA.—At rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Pr. William county, on the 4th day of December, 1865, Edith A. Norvell, Penelope C. Norvell and Mary T. Norvell, plaintiffs, vs. James C. Goods and Margaret A. Goods, his wife, defendants—in chancery. The object of this suit is to obtain among the parties a partition of a tract of land, containing about 160 acres lying and being in the county of Prince William, adjoining the lands of John C. Weedon and others. The defendant James C. Goods, not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this county. A copy teste. M. B. SINCLAIR, Clerk. A. NICOL, P. Q. de 5—law4w

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NOTICE.—My business will hereafter be conducted in the name of JAMES F. CARLIN & CO., George T. Baldwin having been admitted as a partner in the same. I am anxious to close up my books, and earnestly request those indebted to call and settle. dec 1—adm. JAMES F. CARLIN.

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FOR SALE.—HOUSE AND LOT, No. 165, south Fairfax street, lot 100 feet front, running halfway through the square.—The house is double, with hall through the centre, two stories, has seven chambers in the main building and three in the back. Apply to JOHN PERRY, No. 41, south Union street. nov 10—tf

FOR RENT.—The desirable four-story fire proof WAREHOUSE, on the corner of Prince and Union sts. Possession given immediately. For terms apply to WM. BUCKINGHAM, No. 71, King st. no 20-tf

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FOR SALE.—A most desirable HOUSE and LOT, on Prince near Union street. Apply to D. L. SMOOT, Office Market Building. oc 30—tf

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